

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,817,648 to *Miller*.

Claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Applicants rewrite claims 2-6 in independent form, and cancel independent claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants also amend claims 2-6 to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-6 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 2-6 are pending for further consideration.

**All Subject Matter Complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

Claims 2-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 2-6 have been amended to correct the alleged ambiguities pointed out by the Examiner in the May 23, 2006 Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is respectfully traversed in light of the current amendments to claims 2-6. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 2.28, the Commission is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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